

# **The Filling of the Spirit**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The spiritual man is marked by discernment. (I Corinthians 2)
- B. The spiritual life produces a mature Christian.
- C. There are three temples in this dispensation: the universal church, the local church, and the body. (I Corinthians 6)
- D. Our bodies as temples of God have a responsibility to be filled by the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)

## II. The meaning.

- A. To be filled by the Spirit means to be controlled by the Spirit not receiving more of the Spirit.
- B. The vocabulary of the Spirit suggests as much. (Luke 4:28, 1:67, John 15:6, Acts 13:10)
- C. Drunkenness and being filled with the Spirit is contrasted. (Luke 1:15)
- D. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is to get more of us.

## III. The method.

- A. There is no one passage that says how one is filled.
- B. The first step is to want more of the Spirit. (John 7:38-39)
- C. The second step is “come and drink” or trust on Christ. (John 7:37)
- D. The third step is to come to the Word of God and submit. (Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:18-20)

## IV. The manifestations.

- A. Speaking is the first manifestation. One can see spiritual vibrancy in singing.
- B. Giving thanks always for everything is the second manifestation. (I Thessalonians 5)
- C. Submitting, that is putting others well being before yourself, is the third. (Ephesians 5:1, 3)
- D. Christ-likeness, which is the fruit of the Spirit, is the fourth. (Galatians 5:22)

## V. Conclusion.

- A. Being filled by the Spirit is a command. (Ephesians 5:18)

B. Being filled by the Spirit is continuous.

**Application questions:**

1. What does it mean to be filled by the Spirit?

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2. How would you counsel someone seeking to be filled by the Spirit?

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3. What keeps you from being filled by the Spirit on a more regular basis? Explain.

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